Press release

Bye, bye spring, winter's back

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The early spring-like weather many parts of Britain have been experiencing recently is coming to an end, with Met Office forecasters predicting a return to winter this weekend.

A combination of unseasonably warm temperatures and wet weather since mid-January has caused flowers such as daffodils and crocuses to blossom early. However, more usual February weather, with rain, wind, sleet, snow and night frosts, is likely this weekend.

Nigel Reed, the Met Office's Head of Forecasting, said: "This type of wintry weather in February often produces a real mix of rain, sleet, snow and hail. It will be worth keeping in touch with our weather forecasts over the next few days to see exactly where and when the snow will fall."

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